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Brampton-born Erin Mielzynski holds up her trophy after taking first place on Sunday at the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Women's Slalom in Osterschwang, Germany. Mielzynski is the first Canadian woman to win a World Cup slalom race since Betsy Clifford in 1971. Story, page 26. STANKO/GETTY IMAGES

Citizen-led TTC 'a great idea,' mayor says

Transit plan. Council to debate who will sit on new TTC commission

Confused about the direction Toronto is heading on public transit?

Join the club, says Coun. Michael Thompson, who blames the politicians for sowing confusion.

Thompson expects a showdown Monday when city council tackles the issue of who should serve on a newly constituted Toronto Transit Commission.

Thompson (Ward 37, Scarborough Centre) said people have every right to wonder what's going on considering

the constantly shifting landscape, with deals being made and then broken.

First the current nine-councillor commission was to be dissolved in favour of a seven-person commission with four councillors and three citizens; then an 11-member body with six councillors and five citizens; and finally seven councillors and four citizens.

Thompson said political egos and a desire to grab a plum post on the TTC are blocking progress on transit planning.

"So many people are wanting to promote their own selves and their personal interest rather than what's best overall for our

community."

Thompson thinks a better and more balanced commission could be fostered by giving a majority of the seats to citizens with expertise in transit engineering, financing and planning.

Thompson's proposal won immediate support from the mayor and Coun. Doug Ford (Ward 2, Etobicoke North), who backed it on their Sunday radio talk show.

"I think that's a great idea," the mayor said of an all-citizen TTC. "The less politicians, the better."

Added Doug Ford: "I don't think politicians should be in the business of running business." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Arms depot blast kills hundreds

Buildings collapse in Republic of Congo capital after explosion PAGE 8

Scarborough residents debate transit

Subways discussed at public meeting — experts back LRT but residents not so sure PAGE 4

Harry Potter villain is in a new fantasy

Jason Isaacs stars in *Awake*, a new, high-concept drama that may test viewers PAGE 16



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Mississauga

Fire lays waste to warehouse

Firefighters say they believe efforts to charge a car battery sparked a blaze that gutted a Mississauga warehouse.

Fire crews were called to an industrial building on Elmbank Road near Highway 427 just before noon Sunday.

Officials say seven people were inside the building, which belongs to the Canada Border Services Agency.

Everyone made it out safely, but one man was taken to hospital and treated for smoke inhalation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto

Van collides with woman

A woman is in hospital with serious injuries after she was struck by a van in east Toronto.

Police say she was hit around 11 p.m. Saturday near Kingston Road and Midland Avenue.

Police haven't said whether charges will be laid. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Notice

Chill prompts weather alert

Toronto has issued an extreme cold-weather alert and is urging homeless people to find shelter indoors.

During an extreme cold-weather alert, street-outreach workers ramp up their efforts to bring people inside and provide transportation to shelters.

An alert is issued when Environment Canada predicts a temperature of -15 C or lower, without wind chill.

The alert will remain in effect until further notice.

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Mississauga Novotel worker Rekha Sharma, who had her hours cut after she spoke at a rally in support of forming a union at the hotel, says she's frustrated at the whole ordeal. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hotel workers seek aid in bid to unionize

Labour. They want the province to require notices posted in all workplaces to educate workers about their rights, including the right to form a union

Queen's Park should reform Ontario's labour laws to make it easier for workers to unionize, say area hotel workers who have been disciplined, suspended and even fired for trying to form a union.

Unions give workers more job security and could help reverse the tide of low-wage, part-time and contract work sweeping Greater Toronto, they argue.

And yet, only about one in

Quote

"I would like a full-time job with benefits. I want to be able to go to the dentist, to fill a prescription."

Novotel Mississauga employee Rekha Sharma

four Ontario workers is part of a union, down from about 32 per cent in 1995.

"Hotel work has a potential to be a good job where you can build a life, a family and a home. But right now it isn't," said Rekha Sharma, 27, a server in the main dining room of the Novotel Mississauga. Her part-time hours were chopped to nothing for 10 months in 2009 after she spoke at a rally in support of forming a union at the hotel.

Sharma had to quit university and now juggles two part-time jobs to support herself

and her disabled mother.

She is among about a dozen hotel workers from Novotel properties in Mississauga, North York and Ottawa who have lost their jobs, been disciplined or had working hours cut since 2008 when they began organizing to form a union with Unite Here, Local 75.

The union filed charges of unfair labour practices against all three hotels with the Ontario Labour Relations Board in 2009.

The union and several workers are taking their plea

to Queen's Park on Tuesday.

They want immediate reinstatement of workers who were fired or suspended during a union drive to ease the "chilling" effect on other workers. They are also seeking "card-based certification" so there is no need to hold a vote and give the company time to intimidate workers when 55 per cent of workers have signed union cards expressing their desire to join a union.

Novotel denies any wrongdoing. "We support our team members and respect their right to make their own free choices regarding labour-union representation in the workplace," said Eric Buitenhuys, vice-president of operations, Novotel Canada in a statement. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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NHL stars add their voice to movement fighting homophobia

First, it's Rick Nash. Then Duncan Keith, Brian Boyle, Matt Moulson, Joffrey Lupul, Claude Giroux, Daniel Alfredsson, Scott Hartnell, Corey Perry, Andy Greene, Dion Phaneuf and Henrik Lundqvist. As each of the NHL players repeats a simple message in a powerful public-service announcement released Sunday, they add their voice to a growing movement aimed at creating a level playing field in the sport, regardless of sexual orientation.

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Speakers advocate LRT plan at Scarborough meeting

Transportation. LRT or subway? Residents weigh their options at town hall

Scarborough could be considered ground zero for the battle over transit expansion. On Sunday afternoon, more than 100 residents came out to the Malvern Public Library to hear a panel discussing the various options.

The three-expert panel — Jamie Kirkpatrick, of advocacy group TTCriders, Andre Sorenson, associate professor for urban geography, U of T Scarborough, and Eric Miller, director of U of T's Cities Centre — all advocated the LRT plan.

They explained how it would provide more coverage to Scarborough and had the potential to specifically serve the Malvern area, whereas Mayor Rob Ford's Sheppard subway extension would end at the Scarborough Town Centre.

In attendance

Scarborough councillors Ron Moeser, Raymond Cho and Shelley Carroll attended the meeting, as did Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP for Scarborough Rouge-River.

One area of clarification from the speakers was to explain how the new LRT differs from the existing Scarborough RT line.

The meeting, which was organized by a group called Respect Scarborough, was an attempt at a politically neutral discussion, but the debate got slightly heated during the question and answer period, as some residents felt there wasn't enough discussion about the subway plan.

"It was totally one-sided. They didn't give a fair view, they didn't have anything negative to say about the LRT," said Francis D'Almeida. Others say they were glad to hear about the benefits of the LRT plan.

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Andre Sorenson, left, a U of T professor, runs a slide depicting the city's transit as fellow panelists Jamie Kirkpatrick and Eric Miller, right, look on.
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Pickering students raise \$19K in memory of Mitchell Wilson



Mitchell Wilson, who had muscular dystrophy, committed suicide on Sept. 6 at age 11. His parents say he was never the same after he was mugged in November 2010 by an older student at his Pickering school. HANDOUT

Pickering students amazed even themselves when they handed over a cheque for more than \$19,000 to help local kids suffering from muscular dystrophy.

Their charity, I Am Who I Am, was created only four months ago by a group of students at Pine Ridge Secondary School in memory of Mitchell Wilson, an 11-year-old boy who suffered from the disease and tragically took his own life last fall after he was bullied.

The project has since been

adopted by all 19 schools in the Pickering public board, and sells t-shirts and wristbands to promote acceptance in schools and raise money for cancer research and muscular dystrophy.

The group's original goal was to raise \$10,000 to buy one wheelchair. But after meeting with Muscular Dystrophy organizations — and surpassing that goal in just one month — the group realized they could make an even bigger difference.

Students handed over a

cheque on Friday for almost twice that — \$19,341.48 — to Muscular Dystrophy Canada, with funds going to seven local families with children suffering from the disease.

"Everybody was happy to see that within four months we've changed people's perception of one another," said student leader and Pine Ridge Grade-12-student Cody Morrison. "And we've raised a lot of money along the way that's going to help a lot of people."

Their green "I Am Who

I Am" t-shirts have been donated by the likes of Defence Minister Peter MacKay, Premier Dalton McGuinty — and one even made it to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Morrison, 18, said their charity got a nod at the provincial Legislature by MPP Joe Dickson, and at the House of Commons by MP Chris Alexander.

"Once you accomplish something like that the feeling is pretty indescribable," Morrison said.

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Surprise work visits a 'legitimate strategy': CSIS

Etiquette. CSIS personnel are trained and expected to be professional, courteous, respectful and discreet when visiting people, the spy service says

Canada's spy agency considers surprise workplace visits to be a "legitimate investigative strategy" despite persistent public concerns about the practice, a newly disclosed policy memo says.

The memo surfaced recently further to a complaint lodged by an Ottawa woman who took exception to being visited by Canadian Security Intelligence Service officers at her office.

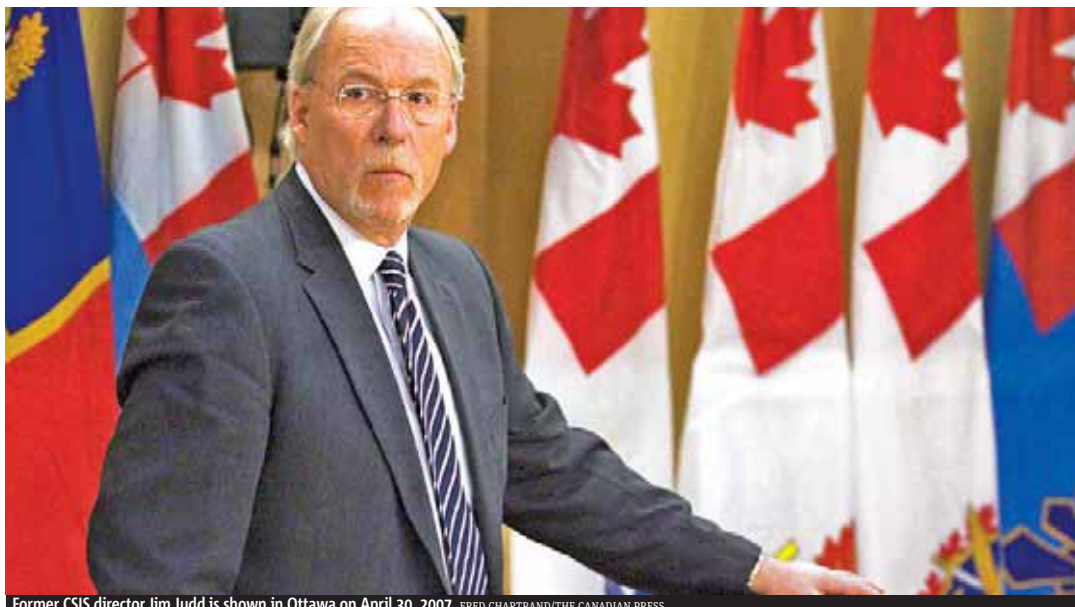
Woman in question

- **Attention.** The woman who filed the complaint, a Canadian of Middle Eastern origin, does not want her name published, given the unwanted attention she has already received, said lawyer Paul Champ.

- **Jim Judd.** In late October 2005, then-CSIS director Jim Judd told senators studying anti-terrorism legislation that "there was nothing ill-intentioned" about the spy service turning up at people's offices.

The previously secret document shows that CSIS makes it a point to suddenly turn up at people's offices in order to intimidate them, said Paul Champ, the woman's lawyer.

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Former CSIS director Jim Judd is shown in Ottawa on April 30, 2007. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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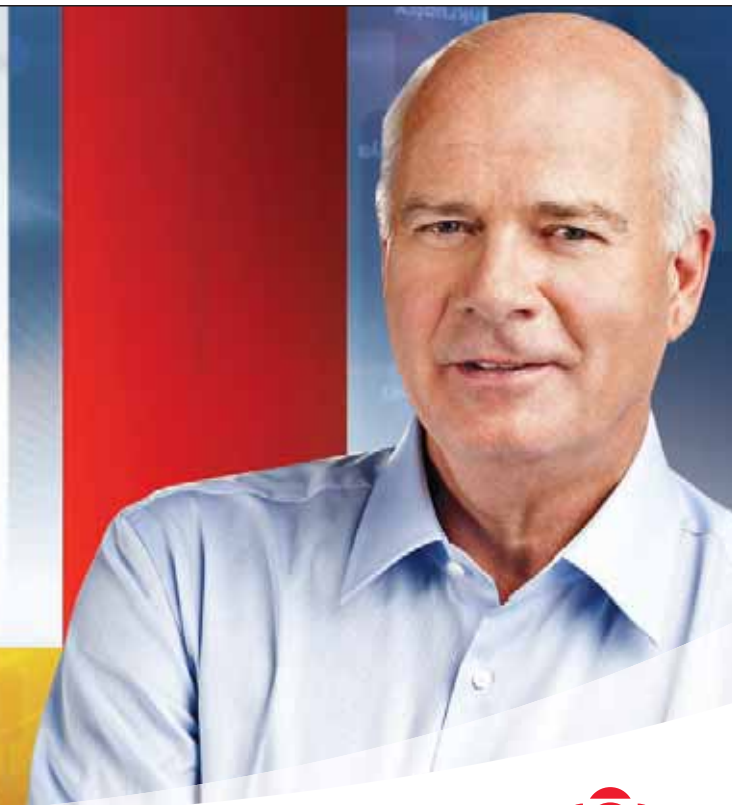
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Fraud alleged as Putin elected Russian President

Easy victory. Vladimir Putin returns as President, declaring victory when fewer than a quarter of votes had been counted

Vladimir Putin swept Sunday's presidential election to return to the Kremlin and extend his hold over Russia for six more years, incomplete returns showed. His eyes brimming with tears, he defiantly proclaimed to a sea of supporters that they had triumphed over opponents intent on "destroying Russia's statehood and usurping power."

Putin's win was never in doubt as many across the vast country still see him as a guarantor of stability and the defender of a strong Russia against a hostile world, an image he has carefully cultivated during 12 years in power.

Exit polls cited by state television predicted Putin would get about 59 per cent of the vote. With more than 80 per cent of precincts counted nationwide, Putin was leading with 65 per cent, the Central Election Commission said. Complete results were expected Monday.

Accounts by independent

observers of extensive vote-rigging, however, looked set to strengthen the resolve of opposition forces whose unprecedented protests in recent months have posed the first serious challenge to Putin's heavy-handed rule. Another huge demonstration was set for Monday evening in central Moscow.

Putin spoke to tens of thousands of supporters at a rally just outside the Kremlin walls. Many were government workers or employees of state-owned companies who had been ordered to attend.

"I promised that we would win and we have won!" Putin shouted to the flag-waving crowd. "We have won in an open and honest struggle."

Putin, 59, said the election showed that "our people can easily distinguish a desire for renewal and revival from political provocations aimed at destroying Russia's statehood and usurping power."

He ended his speech with the triumphant declaration: "Glory to Russia!"

The West can expect Putin to continue the tough policies he has pursued even as prime minister, including opposing U.S. plans to build a missile shield in Europe and resisting international military intervention in Syria.

Communist Party candidate Gennady Zyuganov was



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who claimed victory in Russia's presidential election, speaks at a rally of his supporters at Manezh square outside the Kremlin, in Moscow Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/RIA-NOVOSTI/DMITRY ASTAKHOV

a distant second, followed by Mikhail Prokhorov, the billionaire owner of the New Jersey Nets basketball team whose candidacy was approved by the Kremlin in what was seen as an effort to channel some of the protest

sentiment. The clownish nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and socialist Sergei Mironov trailed behind. The leader of the liberal opposition Yabloko party was barred from the race.

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Dissent

"These elections are not free. ... That's why we'll have protests tomorrow. We will not recognize the president as legitimate." Mikhail Kasyanov

Putin's first prime minister before going into opposition

Poland defends rail safety after deadly crash



Rescue workers at the crash site in Szczekociny, Poland, Sunday / ALIK KIEPICKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland's government insisted Sunday that rail travel is safe in the country despite a train collision that killed 16 people, assurances that came months before masses of sports fans will enter the country for a major soccer tournament — many of whom will crisscross the nation by train.

Saturday night's crash, Poland's most deadly rail tragedy in more than two decades, raised new ques-

tions about the safety of a state-run rail network, which has undergone modernization in recent years. Poland still has a rail system marked by the legacy of the communist decades, but has been working to upgrade trains and tracks.

The trains collided head-on in a shower of sparks and mangled metal Saturday night, killing 16 people and injuring dozens more near the southern town of

Szczekociny, just north of Krakow.

Both trains inexplicably ended up running on the same track.

Polish leaders said it was the worst rail tragedy since 16 people were killed in a 1990 collision near Warsaw.

Some routes today are notorious for being slower than they were even before the Second World War — and the economically dynamic young member of the

European Union has been pushing to change this even as it builds skyscrapers, highways and stadiums.

Several of the construction projects have been accelerated by the coming Euro 2012 soccer championship, which starts in June.

The collision occurred on a stretch of track that was recently modernized, but officials said it was too early to speak about a cause.

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Foreign victims

- An American woman was killed, while other foreigners — Ukrainians, Moldovans and a Czech citizen — were among those brought to hospitals.
- Sixty people were initially brought to hospital after the crash, Health Minister Bartosz Arlukowicz said.

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BP to pay out Gulf oil spill victims

Under a settlement announced Friday, the British oil giant expects to pay out \$7.8 billion to settle a wide range of claims that include health problems, property damage and lost wages.

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Disaster

Toddler dies after violent tornadoes

A hospital official says an Indiana toddler found in a field after Friday's tornadoes has died.

The 14-month-old was found after her family's mobile home was destroyed in the storms.

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Controversy. Companies rushing from Limbaugh

A flower company is the seventh advertiser to pull its ads from conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh's radio program in reaction to his derogatory comments about a law student who testified about birth control policy.

ProFlowers said Sunday on its Facebook page that it

has suspended advertising on Limbaugh's program because his comments about Georgetown University student Sandra Fluke "went beyond political discourse to a personal attack and do not reflect our values as a company."

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Spain. Injured fighter returns to the bullring

A Spanish bullfighter who lost sight in one eye and has partial facial paralysis after a terrifying goring returned to the bullring Sunday, five months after his injury.

On Oct. 8, a bull's horn ripped into Juan Jose Padilla's lower jaw and caused his left eyeball to protrude as specta-

tors screamed in horror.

Now, wearing an eye patch and speaking with a lisp, Padilla fulfilled what he describes as an unquenchable desire to once again face massive 1,000-pound fighting bulls with the aid of only a cape and sword.

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More than 200 killed in explosion

Congo. Blast was strong enough to shatter windows five kilometres away

Homes and buildings collapsed in the Congolese capital after an arms depot exploded Sunday, killing at least 206 people and entombing countless others in crushed structures including inside two churches that buckled while parishioners were celebrating mass, officials and witnesses said.

The shock waves shattered windows in a five-kilometre radius surrounding the barracks storing the munitions, including across the river that separates Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo, from Kinshasa, the capital of the larger Central African nation of Congo. Government spokesman Bienvenu Okyemi blamed a short-circuit for the fire that set off the successive blasts.

"It's like a tsunami passed through here," said Christine Ibata, a student. "The roofs of houses were blown off."

The register of a morgue in Brazzaville already had

136 bodies Sunday afternoon, as more continued to arrive. A doctor at the capital's military hospital who asked not to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the press reported 70 more deaths.

President Denis Sassou-Nguesso toured two hospitals and a morgue as injured people were being brought in including a four-year-old boy who had lost his leg. The president was visibly moved, and in a statement read on state TV he said, "We have no less than 100 dead, many wounded and significant structural damage."

The president said that the government was doing all it could to launch a rescue effort.

"We are trying to organize ourselves. I am asking the population to show courage and solidarity. ... All the material and human loss will be evaluated and the government will take a just decision," Sassou-Nguesso said. "This tragedy is an accident."

It's unclear what started the fire at the barracks located in a populated neighbourhood of the capital, but an official at the president's office said the depot is used



This image from DRTV on Sunday shows a cloud of smoke rising into the sky as blasts rocked Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo, after a weapons depot caught fire. / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/DRTV

to store war-grade weapons including mortars. The first blast went off at around 8 a.m., and several smaller blasts were heard throughout the morning. Another

major explosion went off at around 1 p.m.

Residents woke up thinking that either an earthquake had hit them, or a coup was under way in this nation

that suffered through a 1997 civil war. Defence Minister Charles Zacharie Boawo appeared on national television to urge calm in Brazzaville and in the neighbouring cap-

ital, Kinshasa.

"The explosions that you have heard don't mean there is a war or a coup d'etat," he said. "Nor does it mean there was a mutiny. It is an incident caused by a fire at the munitions depot."

Didier Boutsindi, an official in the president's office, said the explosion woke him "with the force of an earthquake." Doors in his house, located several kilometres away from the epicentre of the blast, were thrown open and several windows cracked. He began making calls, and when he realized the origin of the explosion, his first thought was his uncle, whose home is located just next to the depot.

"The house fell completely," Boutsindi said. "He was sleeping. His wife was at church. His children — small children — were playing outside," he said. "The neighbours dug out the body and brought him to the morgue."

The uncle's body was among the countless others that were being brought in by car, on stretchers, and carried by shell-shocked residents. The death toll is expected to rise.

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Shy sheltie back after 53 days

Reunited. Woman thrilled to have pet back after losing husband, other dog to crash in desert

Barbara Bagley says she never gave up hope that her dog would be found alive in the Nevada desert after the animal bolted from the scene of a crash that critically injured

Bagley and killed her husband. But the Salt Lake City woman endured plenty of frustration until her beloved 4-year-old Shetland sheepdog, Dooley, was tracked down Feb. 18 after surviving 53 days in the wild on roadkill and scattered ranch water sources.

"I would think about Dooley constantly," she said. "There were TV commercials with dogs that made me think about him and cry. He's just the sweetest dog."

Missing Dooley

"I would think about Dooley constantly.... He's just the sweetest dog."

Barbara Bagley, owner of the missing dog

The Dec. 27 single-vehicle accident on Interstate 80 near Battle Mountain, about 360 kilometres east of Reno, Nev. sent Bagley and her 55-year-

old husband, Brad Vom Baur, to the hospital in critical condition. Their other sheltie, Delaney, was killed in the wreck. Dooley ran away and vanished.

Bagley, 48, suffered a concussion, broken ribs, a shattered wrist and two punctured lungs.

As soon as she mustered up enough strength, she turned her attention to a search for her dog.

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Barbara Bagley and her Shetland sheepdog Dooley after the two were reunited, east of Battle Mountain, Nev. SHANNON SUSTACHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defining motherhood

Which of girl's moms comes first — egg donor or birth mother?

A custody battle in Florida between two lesbian women could fuel the growing national debate over the definition of motherhood.

It also might force state lawmakers to reconsider a 19-year-old law regarding the rights of sperm and egg donors.

The women, now in their 30s and known in court papers only by their initials, were law enforcement officers in Florida. One partner donated an egg that was fertilized and implanted in the other. That woman gave birth in 2004, nine years into their relationship.

But the Brevard County couple separated two years later, and the birth mother eventually left Florida with the child without telling her former lover. The woman who donated the egg and calls herself the biological mother finally tracked them down in Australia with the help of a private detective.

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Mid-East turmoil

Radicals attack military base in Yemen, killing 61

Al Qaeda militants overran an army base in southern Yemen on Sunday, capturing heavy weapons and turning them on soldiers in intense clashes that left 61 dead, a military official said.

The battle near the town of Zinjibar in the southern province of Abyan killed 36 government troops and 25 of the militants, he said. A medical official confirmed the death toll. Scores were wounded from both sides, they said, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The official said the fighting was taking place west of Abyan's provincial capital of Zinjibar. Militants seized control of the town in May, taking advantage of political turmoil linked to the uprising against then-President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Saleh stepped down last month in a U.S.-backed power transfer deal that Washington hoped would allow Yemen's new leaders to move against Al Qaeda.

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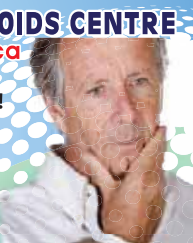
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Social media site trumps. A stumble-upon success tailoring links to users

StumbleUpon may not have the same household-name cachet as Air Canada, Canadian Tire, Costco or Sears, but online the Canadian-born social media site trumps them all.

According to Alexa.com, StumbleUpon ranks just inside the Top 100 most-visited websites in North America, ahead of all those huge brands, including Facebook. Not bad for a website that got its start in a Calgary dorm about a decade ago and is now one of the biggest traffic drivers on the net.

StumbleUpon's more than 20 million users are fed random web links based on the list of interests they specify. They then give a thumbs-up or -down to pages they "stumble upon," which helps the website build a personalized taste profile.

"The vision was: how do you discover new and interesting content with very little effort?" said co-founder Garrett Camp, 33. "Up until about a year ago we were pretty under the radar ... but I think that's changing."

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Sears closing three stores

Shoppers leave a Sears store in Vancouver on Friday. Sears Canada Inc. is shuttering three high-profile department stores — in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa — affecting some 670 jobs, as the retailer tries to turn around flagging profits. The stores will close by the end of October. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kristen Weckworth and Steve Cober with the Team Macho exhibition on now at Magic Pony. / LIA GRAINGER

LITTLE ART SHOP MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE



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What do the National Ballet of Canada, the TIFF Bell Lightbox and the Art Gallery of Ontario have in common?

Besides making up a veritable trifecta of Toronto cultural institutions, they're all collaborating with Narwhal Art Projects, the tiny eclectic gallery and publishing house attached to Magic Pony art boutique on Queen Street West.

The gallery and shop have evolved into something of a mini art empire, bringing their offbeat stable of artists to some of Toronto's most well-respected venues.

Things you'll find at Magic Pony: a porcelain squirrel candleholder, a rainbow bench decorated with a smiley face, a watercolour painting of a three-headed dog, and hundreds of other multifarious arty items.

"When we opened in 2003, there was a huge trend in Asia of cross-pollination between graphic design, fashion and illustration, and toys were the common canvas," says Steve Cober, co-owner of the shop and gallery.

He and business partner Kristen Weckworth started Magic Pony as a tiny second-floor design boutique that sold those toys and other Asian inspired art objects.

They've since expanded into a larger shop and exhibition space across the street, and will open a Narwhal gallery space in the Junction neighbourhood in April.

The duo also publishes art books and produces prints of works by local and international artists under the Narwhal imprint, and have contributed to the success of some of Canada's riskier up-and-coming artists.

"Team Macho is a great example of how we've developed," says Weckworth of the five-man Toronto artist collective. "They used to be our customers when they were still art school students. They'd come around and show us the puppets and stuff they were making."

Weckworth and Cogan decided to show their witty collaborative paintings and drawings at Magic Pony.

Narwhal published their first book, *Fancy Action Now*, and the quintet currently has a large-scale installation, "Axis Mundi", showing at the AGO.

Narwhal will release their second book, *The Merlin Years*, this March 22.

"We always wanted to be a multifaceted art centre that publishes, supports and partners," says Cober.

With upcoming collaborations with the National Ballet of Canada (their artists will design tutus) and TIFF Bell Lightbox (they'll co-host a show called *Comics vs. Video Games*) and half a dozen in-house exhibitions on the horizon, this little art shop can safely say mission accomplished.

Move aside, American Idols



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Key West

Catch your breath for Conch Shell Blowing Contest

Claire Hurd blows a decorated conch shell during the 50th Annual Conch Shell Blowing Contest in Key West, Fla.

Smith and more than 50 other contestants were judged at the event that took place on Saturday.

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Tooting your own horn

"I'm all about preserving the heritage of my home town. This is just one small piece that I get to contribute to helping preserve that history."

Clinton Curry, 38

A seventh-generation Key Wester, who first blew a conch shell as a child, and took top honours at this year's festival

History

- The event drew more than 50 entrants, ranging from young children to seniors, who were judged on quality, novelty, duration and loudness.
- The contest was conceived by the Old Island Restoration Foundation, founded in 1960 to advocate the preservation of Key West's culture as well as historically significant buildings.

Tradition

It's called the Conch Republic

The fluted, pink-lined conch shell has been blown in Key West since the early 1800s, when seafaring settlers used it as a signaling device. Native-born islanders like Curry are commonly called Conchs, and the Florida Keys are known as the Conch Republic.

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Students to pay it forward with random acts of kindness

News Worth Sharing

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here's just one.

We've all had that kind of day. How about having a

Kind Day instead? The event was organized by Take Action! Organization, a student-run non-profit organization aimed at developing young leaders in the community.

This year, on February 16, the organization launched its first Take Action Day to highlight the power of small yet meaningful acts of kindness. Participants performed an act of kindness for someone in their community, and encouraged them to pass it

on, with the hope that one kind act would multiply into many. Acts included everything from giving free hugs and hot chocolate to leaving complimentary snacks in library cubicles. "We wanted to show that one person can make a difference and that being kind, having a positive attitude, and showing a little empathy — being a leader by positive example — can make a huge impact on the world around them," said

Philip Chen, executive director of Take Action! Organization. Visit www.takeactionday.com to participate in upcoming events.

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"In a flashback, you see my husband and me working as CIA operatives together, and we are faced with some really wrenching moral dilemmas," Judd says. "[Now the question is, 'Will I potentially set aside my values and integrity in order to accomplish what seems to be a more precious goal, which is save my child?']"

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TV shows for spring



Magic City is like a Mad Men with gangsters
/ HANDOUT

Magic City creator Mitch Glazer grew up in Miami Beach and says he's been "squirreling away" stories from this era to write into a show. "The cool thing was, besides the beauty and the glamour [of the '50s-'60s], there were also really amazing things happening in the world," Glazer says.



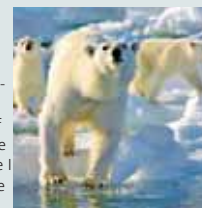
Grey's Anatomy creator Shonda Rhimes strips her trademark female lead of scrubs and transports her to D.C.



Touch:
March 22, Global

Tim Kring, the mastermind behind *Heroes*, is the creator of *Touch*. "In terms of Jake's character being like a character on *Heroes*," Kring says, "we probably had some characters that had various abilities that would be kind of in that [same] category..."

"We were really motivated as a team to go and create this kind of ultimate portrait of the polar regions, because I think everyone's aware that there's a lot of change going on," says series producer Vanessa Berlowitz, referring to global warming. "In some ways, we feel that this series may be a last chance to see these great wildernesses on our planet before they change forever. I hope that's going to be the legacy of the series."



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Jason Isaacs, right, stars in *Awake* / HANDOUT

The newest Fringe: Are TV audiences ready to stay Awake?

Alternate dimensions. A detective searching for the truth. But in *Awake*, there's "no sci-fi," insists star Jason Isaacs, best known for his role in *Harry Potter*.

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Jason Isaacs, best known for his portrayal of the *Harry Potter* villain Lucius Malfoy, may have hung up his broomstick, but fantasy remains at the forefront of his latest project — even if it is a crime procedural.

The Isaacs-headlined psychological drama *Awake* is not a by-the-books *Law & Order* redux, that's for sure. In the show, Isaacs plays detective Michael Britten, who is involved in a deadly car ac-

cident with his wife and son — except, he's not sure if it was his wife or son who perished in the crash.

Britten has developed a unique coping mechanism that has convinced him he is living two realities. In one, his wife is alive, but his son is not. He falls asleep, wakes up, and lives the second reality: His son is alive, but his wife is not. The cycle alternates every day.

"In many ways I took the part because I wanted to see what Episode 2 was before anybody else read it," Isaacs jokes.

But intrigue did play a major part in Isaacs' decision to join the show. "It's just one of those incredibly simple yet powerful premises about your imagination: what if your dreams were so real that you didn't know you were dreaming?" he ponders.

"I'm always furious when I wake up and I know I've had this incredible dream that's just evaporated. But that

doesn't happen to him."

Things get more complicated — and dangerous — as Britten's two worlds collide on the job. A random person in one "dream" may lead to a crucial piece of evidence in a case he's working on in the other "dream."

"Sometimes I have to re-orient myself as a character to remind myself who we're chasing after and why," Isaacs says. "The people around me, obviously, react as you would

to somebody who seems to have lost it."

Was it just a dream?

The idea that Det. Michael Britten is living two lives brings into question whether or not he really is just dreaming. Maybe it's an elaborate, fantastical alternate universe, instead?

"There's no sci-fi," Isaacs insists. "He doesn't fly. Both worlds are equally and completely real — to him. But only one of them does exist."

Producing *Awake*

• NBC's new drama *Awake* has the kind of intricate, high-concept premise that can test viewers. But that's nothing compared with what its producers face.

• Howard Gordon produces *Awake* with creator Kyle Killen. "This is a vehicle that no one has driven before and has no operating instructions," he said.

• Other TV shows with parallel

universes and outcomes have dabbled in extreme explanations. But Gordon and Killen insist this is a (relatively) simple case of a guy living one life and dreaming another.

• Britten and the audience are just not sure which is which. Neither are the therapists treating him, with both assuring him that his *other* life is the dream. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rap superstar. Tyga on top of his game with hip-hop's hottest label

A new album and a national tour should have an artist feeling on top of the world.

But when you're a member of Young Money — home of Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj and Drake — no one could blame you if you were a bit nervous.

Yet rapper Tyga seems to be at ease with his position at what is arguably hip-hop's hottest label.

"I don't think I ever really got lost," he says. "Everyone just kind of learned from Wayne. I just use it as a chance to watch and grow."

Resting easy — and hard work — seems to be the right course of action for the rapper, who is straight outta Compton.

Since his 2008 debut album, *No Introduction*, a string of mix tapes has maintained the buzz. His collaboration with Chris Brown on *Fan of a Fan* gave birth to *Deuces*, which netted a Grammy nod and helped the controversial R&B singer on the comeback trail.

Tyga's newest project, sophomore album *Careless World: Rise Of The Last King*, released last week, is on track to crack 70,000 in first-week



Tyga / GETTY IMAGES

sales — not bad, considering an uncleared sample kept physical copies out of stores.

It's an album that steps up his game while claiming a more diverse sound — Nicki Minaj, Nas and Maybach Music Group's comeback king, Wale, are collaborators. But even with a hit like the anchor track *Rack City*, don't expect Tyga to coast on his accomplishments.

"With my generation of fans you have to be consistent," he says. "And that's something that I like to do."

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On tour. Kool & the Gang offer a Celebration to last through the years

Kool & the Gang are opening for Van Halen? This unlikely lineup sounds like the biggest tour on the planet ... circa 1982. But make no mistake, this is a double-bill that is hardly past its prime, as many of the shows on the tour are sold out.

Founding member Robert "Kool" Bell says that a group known for dancing the night away works well with a group known for jungle boogying.

How did this whole tour come about?

We've known [Van Halen singer David Lee Roth] for a year. What happened was that he saw us performing at the Glastonbury show last August and we had about 60,000 people in front of our stage ... he saw us there and said, "I want you guys to open up for us."

And had you crossed paths before? Both bands were on top of the world in the 1980s.

Well, that's one of the things that he brought to my attention. They were hot in the '80s, with *Jump* and some of their big records. They were the rock party band, and we were the pop-funk party band.



Kool & the Gang / GETTY IMAGES

Tour dates

Catch Kool & the Gang in concert with Van Halen.

- Toronto, Air Canada Centre. March 17

Though the '80s were big, you guys aren't really defined by those years.

Kool & the Gang have been playing since '64, and we've been dealing with changes every decade. But we've been blessed to make it through the '60s, the '70s, the '80s, the '90s and now the new millennium.

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From actress to addict:

Can Lindsay really make a comeback?



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Do you remember Lindsay Lohan when she was a talented child actress, before the puffy face and handcuffs? We're struggling.

Fame at a young age

Like other troubled former child stars (see: Drew Barrymore, Corey Haim, Corey Feldman, Britney Spears, to name just a few), Lindsay's unusual upbringing may have contributed to her current problems.

- **Lost childhoods.** "Child stars often become 'adult children' with highly stressful responsibilities. As young adults they sometimes attempt to re-capture their lost childhoods by acting out and behaving in self-destructive ways, which may be one of the reasons Lindsay has been so troubled," explains Gaba.

The 25-year-old is now better known as an addict than as an actress, but has the combination of jail time, therapy and community service at a morgue finally made her come to her senses?

Psychotherapist Sherry Gaba has doubts over Lohan's sobriety. "When a person is sober, they usually know their sobriety date without question. She did not give it in her most recent interview, so I am not so sure that she is," says Gaba of last week's chat with Matt Lauer for The Today Show.

On the other hand, Lohan's career seems to be back on track and she's being tipped for the coveted role of Elizabeth Taylor in the upcoming Elizabeth and Richard: A Love Story, provided she behaves.

"Getting and staying sober is a one day at a time program," says Gaba.

"Lindsay will need to continue to stay close to a recovery program that will need to include 12-step meetings, a sponsor, and possibly psychotherapy to deal with the underlying issues that have led to her numerous relapses."

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What's the long-term solution for Lindsay?

"What she needs is relationships with people who have her back and bring out the best in her; not drag her down in their chaos."

Psychotherapist Sherry Gaba



Lindsay Lohan / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rihanna says she's not dating Chris Brown, and being single sucks

Despite rumours that she and Chris Brown have been reuniting, Rihanna insists that she's not dating anyone — and it's driving her crazy.

"I am a single lady. This is not something I enjoy. Single life is so overrated," she tells Jonathan Ross during an interview for his U.K. talk show.

"You always want to be single when you are in a relationship, but trust me it is no bueno."

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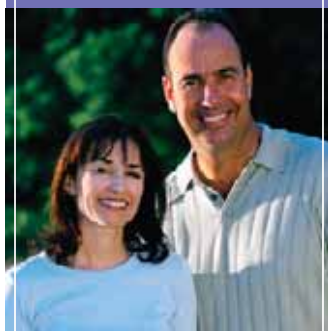
Rihanna reacts to rumours

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Arnold and Maria caught playing happy family

Despite separating last year, Maria Shriver appears to be looking to reconcile with Arnold Schwarzenegger, according to the New York Post.

"Arnold and Maria are having marriage counselling to work through their issues to get back together," a source says.

"Maria is a devout Catholic and doesn't believe in divorce, but is still struggling with the humiliation she

endured by him."

It was revealed last year that Schwarzenegger had fathered a 13-year-old child with a housekeeper, prompting Shriver to dump him.

Other sources have said the counselling rumours aren't true, but Schwarzenegger and Shriver were spotted having lunch together before doing some furniture shopping in Santa Monica, Calif., last week.

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Nick Cannon scales back his activities after a few health scares

Nick Cannon is opening up about his recent trips to the emergency room.

"It's a lot of stuff, but it's all in order now," Cannon tells People magazine.

"They kind of say [my] autoimmune [disease] is — like a lupus type of thing, but no one else in my family has it."

Cannon was first hospitalized for "mild kidney failure" in January, and then again a few weeks later

because of a blood clot in his lungs.

"The blood clot thing was probably the scariest because I've known people who have passed away from that," Cannon says.

His doctors' advice? Quit some of his numerous jobs — like his gig hosting a New York radio show, which he recently gave up. "I'm just trying to make sure I put my health first," he says.

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If the YouTube videos are staged, what are the implications for the child? / iSTOCK

When funny kid videos may be fake

YouTube. Every week, a new video appears online with a child doing something wacky or unique. But are they staged?



On YouTube, you'll find many adorable videos of kids singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, but one of them, titled Girl Singing With Her Mouth Closed funny hidden talent, has suddenly scored more than 420,000 views — and a number of negative comments.

"Wait, was that real?" asked one — as in, is it possible to

sing with one's mouth closed?

"Fake," said another.

"Fake but funny."

"It's real!" said one more.

Thirty-one pages of debate followed. Mary Napoli understands the uploader's pain.

She posted a video called Family Home Destroyed By Avalanche — Children To Blame, which reportedly showed her two sons blanketing her home in a five-pound bag of flour while she was in the bathroom.

Although the video was supposed to be for friends and family, it ended up getting almost four million views on YouTube — and plenty of negative responses from people who claimed it was a fake.

Her family even appeared on the Today Show on NBC to debate the authenticity of the

video.

"I had people pinpointing, 'Oh she has flour on her pants,' and freeze framing the whole thing," she said to Metro.

"Honestly, it was almost mostly negative feedback," Naopli added.

"I had huge emotional problems over it."

"I was just doing it for family. I definitely have tougher skin for it."

She still maintains it is authentic.

Dr. Bonnie Eaker Weil, a New York City psychotherapist and author of Make Up, Don't Break Up, said that parents may be harming their children by falsifying a clip, especially if that child becomes an online celebrity.

"You can be teaching a child that lying and fabricating

is OK," she said.

"They can grow up and become narcissistic and learn how to manipulate."

It also makes them feel that the only way to be loved is to get attention in these ways," Weil explained.

Bashar Akhtar is another parent accused of fabrication. His son and daughter became stars after their video — of his son Faris' shocked face after he found out that Darth Vader was Luke's father — received more than 3 million views.

"Nasty comments were posted," he said, but maintains the video is true, and can prove it. "I don't think Faris or Shazia are that good actors!" he protests.

"He loves Star Wars — and keeps trying to Jedi Mind trick his sister."

Negative comments

'That boy is ugly!'

Parents, be careful what you post, and what your kids read about themselves. Negative comments, especially those about appearance, can have adverse effects on children who may not understand the difference between reading comments online and real-world critique.

"Three million people are judging you. People can be mean and sadistic," said Naopli.

"What you want to do as a parent is talk about the bullying that happens on YouTube," she said.

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This recipe makes 48 wontons. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Spiced Avocado Wontons. These crispy bite-sized eats will make great appetizers for any entertaining occasion

1 Place olive oil in skillet over medium high

heat. Add onions and cook, stirring often, until softened, about 4 mins. Add cumin, salt, chili powder, cayenne and cinnamon. Stir to combine and let cook for 1 min.

2 Add ground beef and cook, stirring often, until browned 5 mins. Add red peppers and cook for another minute, breaking up bigger pieces of meat with a wooden

Healthy eating

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spoon. Remove from heat. Sprinkle lime juice over avocado and add to meat mixture. Stir gently to combine.

3 Place equal amounts of meat mixture in the centre of each wonton wrapper, about 5 ml (1 tsp) each.

4 Dip fingers in water and moisten edges of won-

ton. Fold wonton over to form a triangle, pressing edges to seal. Repeat with remaining wrappers and meat mixture.

5 Place 5 cm (2 inches) of oil in a medium saucepan. Place saucepan over medium heat. Working in batches, carefully put 6 wontons in oil and cook until golden about 40 seconds. Turn and cook another 40 seconds. If wontons get brown too quickly, lower heat.

6 Remove wontons from oil with a slotted spoon. Let drain on paper towels before serving the dipping sauce.

7 Place avocado, sour cream, lime juice and zest in work bowl of a food processor and blend until smooth.

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- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced onion
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cumin
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) chipotle chili powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) each cayenne pepper and ground cinnamon
- 250 g (1/2 lb) ground beef
- 160 ml (2/3 cup) finely diced red bell pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) lime juice
- 1 ripe fresh avocado, peeled, seeded and finely diced
- 50 count package wonton wrappers
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 2 ripe, fresh avocados, peeled and seeded
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Slapping a filter on bottled water

Brita launches tap water campaign.

Aiming to cut down on environmental impact caused by millions of empty plastic bottles



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For millions of Canadians, drinking water comes down to this: filtered at home; bottles on the road.

But bottled water has become a significant environmental concern. Untold millions of empty plastic bottles overwhelm municipal recycling efforts — or simply end up in landfill.

In 2009, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities called on its member towns and cities to ban the sale of bottled water on all municipal property. But that hasn't dampened the overwhelming

success of the bottled-water industry. Demand is huge, and the volume of discarded containers continues to grow.

To counter this, the biggest name in home water filtering has produced a reusable water bottle — with a filter.

"One Brita Bottle can effectively replace as many as 300 500-ml bottles

about 256 servings."

The Brita Bottle sells for around \$10, holds 20 ounces of water, and filters as you drink. Replacement filters cost \$7.99 for a two-pack.

"It was rolled out in July, 2011, and we've been happy with the success we've been having," Kioussis

let. And Brita Bottles are fully recyclable, containing no BPA or other dangerous chemicals.

"We can take the benefit of what we've been giving consumers in their home, and now let them take it on the go," she says.

Reaction from the

is being well-received across Canada.

It's far from the first time the company has taken action against bottled water.

"In 2008, we launched the FilterForGood campaign, to encourage Canadians to drink tap water as opposed

By the numbers

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Statistics Canada's most recent estimate of litres of bottled water consumed by the average Canadian in a year. That represents sales worth \$652.7-million.



of water," says Soula Kioussis, director of marketing for Clorox Canada, the parent company of Brita.

"It's a great alternative to bottled water. It lasts roughly two months;

notes. "It's available across the country in grocery and hardware stores, and it's relatively affordable."

Buying one bottle instead of 300 has to be good for the wal-

bottled-water industry has been muted — to the point of virtual non-existence. Consumers have occasionally complained that the Brita Bottle can be leaky or sometimes awkward to drink from, but the product

to bottled water, and educate Canadians on the impact of bottled-water waste. And since then, thousands of Canadians have taken the online pledge to reduce their bottled-water waste."

Brita has also sponsored concerts, and the famous Sundance Film Festival, removing bottled water completely from popular, well-attended, high-profile events.

Queen of Green

Brew from a can or brew from a bottle?



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What's better for the environment—beer in cans, or bottles?
Dave of Halifax

Locally made beer in a glass bottle is better.

If your favourite beer is made in a land far, far away, choose cans. But two other options exist: 1) a draft at a local pub (maybe at a Green

Drinks event?) or, 2) a local and organic brew.

According to the federal government, the brewing industry maintains a good environmental record. But what does that mean?

Thanks to provincial bottle return deposit systems, minimal quantities of packaging end up in municipal landfills. The

national average for recycled glass bottles is 97 per cent and they're reused 15 to 20 times. Aluminum can recovery rates are lower, about 80 per cent.

Apparently our Canadian marketplace is characterized by high bottle usage due to consumer preference, environmental regulations and industry

systems to facilitate re-use. Some provinces even impose a levy or a deposit on non-reusable containers (i.e., cans) to deter their use.

But cans are lighter, right? Yes. And that means transportation emissions are lower. Most cans contain about 40 per cent recycled aluminum, which is also

good news. Recycled aluminum requires 95 per cent less energy and produces 95 per cent less greenhouse gas emissions than manufacturing new aluminum.

Another point for glass is that canned beverages — beer, pop, infant formula, — leach bisphenol-A (BPA) from their protective metal linings.

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Robert Meggy is the president and CEO of the Great Little Box Company / PROVIDED

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Recession to redemption. Robert Meggy is finding a wealth of happiness in building a friendly, familial workforce



TURNING POINT
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Robert Meggy is an accountant by profession but as a businessman he knows how to weather an economic downturn. In 1982, Meggy bought the Great Little Box Company in Vancouver just before the recession took the knees out of the economy. His sales numbers plummeted overnight.

"It was like someone had turned off the tap. During the day I'd be operating the machines and answering the phone and at night I'd write up the orders when we had them. It was an ugly time and

Budding business builders take heed!

Robert Meggy offers his advice to aspiring entrepreneurs:

- **People are your number one asset.** We conduct seven to eight interviews for each person we employ. You will make or lose \$50,000 to \$100,000 depending on who you hire.
- **Encourage feedback from your employees.** One thing employees really want is recognition and appreciation. We encourage one-on-one meetings with supervisors.
- **Measure everything.** Track the number of sales and cold calls. We measure machine speeds and how many pieces are made per hour. It all translates into efficiency and success.
- **Set yearly goals and measure them every month.** Have you ever met a golfer who doesn't keep score? It's no different for a company. If you measure and track everything you'll care more and have more interest in your company.

I lost 15 pounds."

Meggy weathered the storm (and other recessions to follow) and today his company employs 250 people and is on target to make \$40 million in 2012. Meggy credits his success with assembling the right team.

"I run it like a group of friends and I walk around the

plant every week and talk to as many as I can. We set yearly goals and measure progress every month. When you run an open book employees care more. Enjoy the people you work with because it makes a huge difference."

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Knowing your French is in fashion

Knowledge à la mode. One stylish, former student speaks to the importance of adding an extra language to a resumé



PAUL DAVIS
NEWS CANADA

"Qui parmi vous parle française?" It was the first question posed to us on the first day of class.

The last word was stressed with typical Parisian repudiation, as if to welcome us and dismiss us simultaneously. The school director, well into her 70s, stood at the front of the class, lit a cigarette and waited for the response.

Of the hundred or so students assembled in the room, only a handful raised their hands. A few more then followed until just over three quarters of the room had raised their hands. Of the little French I had, all of it I had learned in Montreal.

Before moving to Paris, I moved to Montreal to enroll in a fashion design program



Can you read what's written here? Perhaps it's time to learn. / ISTOCK

and to pick up as much of the language as I could. I could barely order a cup of coffee without garnering a smile from the girl behind the counter when I first moved to Montreal. Yet it seemed everywhere I went, people switched effortlessly between the two languages. It was truly something to admire and something to strive toward.

Over the next few months, however, I came to real-

ize that my mother tongue would be just as important.

The school I attended was well-known for its connections within the fashion industry. All the major French fashion houses turned to this school first for interns, short-term work placements and to help out with fashion shows and showrooms — the sort of connections that every young designer hopes for. But for all these opportunities, it was a question of

English.

"Est-ce que vous parlez couramment l'anglais?"

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TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

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Who hasn't received an email from someone in a foreign country who says they need your help — and your bank account number — in order to get a huge inheritance out of the country?

Of course, it's a scam, warns Staff Sgt. Paul Proulx, manager of the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre in North Bay, Ont.

March is Crime and Fraud Prevention Month, and the theme this year is online fraud.

"Computers are in over 80 per cent of homes today," says Proulx. "But computers can bring fraudsters into your home, too."

Online scams come in the form of pop-up boxes, legitimate-looking advertisements and emails sent directly to your inbox.

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and the British Columbia Crime Prevention Association some of the most popular online fraud pitches being used today include:

- Sales of a service or merchandise by a third party.
- "You've Won a Big Prize."
- Emergency. Often targeted at grandparent, someone emails (or calls) pretending to be a grandchild in need of quick money.



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- Anti-Virus Scam. Someone claiming to be from Microsoft, for example, advises that there is a virus problem on your computer and offers to fix it — but you will have to provide remote access.
- Free loans ... once you fill out credit applications and pay a fee.
- Gold buying schemes to sell, trade or receive (unfair) returns for gold and jewelry.
- Anti-social network. Criminals collect information from social networks such as Twitter and Facebook.
- Penny auctions. Deals where you must set up an account and purchase bids with a credit or debit card.

The more you are aware of what to look for, says Carolyn Sinclair, executive director of the British Columbia Crime Prevention Association, Surrey,

B.C., the more you will recognize scams and exit the page, say "no thanks," or just delete.

Always be suspicious, says Sinclair. If you don't recognize the sender, don't

open the email. If you are going to engage in any transaction, validate it first.

"If it's too good to be true, it probably is."

Also, be sure your computer has the most recent spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software and a secure firewall.

If you do become a victim of fraud, report it to the police or if it involves money being removed from a bank account, report it to your bank.

McMaster University research shows that only about five per cent of fraud victims actually report the crime.

Says Proulx: "In 2011, we're seeing that Canadians 60 to 69 years old were most victimized, but the highest dollar loss occurred in the 50-59-year-old group."

— Ylva Van Buuren

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The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), in partnership with member insurers, works to investigate and identify suspected fraudsters. Just this year, the leader of a crime ring who staged a dozen collisions and defrauded insurance companies of approximately \$1.5 million pleaded guilty in a Toronto court.

A collaborative effort between IBC, insurance companies, police and dedicated prosecutors connected the dots, allegedly linking body shops, towing



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companies and medical and rehabilitation clinics operating this scam.

While organized crime gets the press, many other forms of insurance fraud occur on a smaller scale, but still add up to millions of dollars. Because insurance is paying during these schemes, shady medical facilities often

bill for services never provided to a collision victim, or a contractor might pad a repair estimate for property damage. The person making the claim may not even recognize that he or she is part of a scam. But they are.

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- Encourage anyone to participate in insurance fraud.

all. Your neighbour's garage gets broken into and he starts bemoaning the loss of his high-end tools, although you could have sworn the drill you borrowed was the cheapest on the market. Lying on an insurance claim may not seem as bad as staging a collision or over billing, but it's all insurance fraud. And it costs everyone money.

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DeRozan leads Raps to win over Warriors

NBA. Raptors get some payback against team that embarrassed them in last meeting, despite slow start

DeMar DeRozan had 25 points and the Toronto Raptors blanketed high-scoring Golden State en route to an 83-75 win over the Warriors on Sunday night.

Leandro Barbosa added 18 points in a reserve role for the Raptors (12-25), who limited Golden State to 36.3 per cent shooting for just their fifth win in the last 16 games. It was the first meeting between the teams since the Warriors pulverized Toronto, scoring 84 first-half points in a 138-100 laughter in California last March.

Golden State wasn't laughing this time; the run-and-gun Warriors (14-20) were held to one fast-break point and turned the ball over 14 times, leading to 18 Toronto points.

David Lee had 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Warriors, who fell to 2-3 on a six-game road trip that wraps up Monday night in Washington.

Golden State broke out to a nine-point halftime lead but hit just two of its first 12 shots to open the third quarter, allowing the Raptors to climb to within six.

A Lee jumper ended the drought but Toronto continued to chip away at the deficit, a DeRozan layup making it a 56-54 game with three minutes left.

Barbosa's floating jumper in the lane evened the score in the final minute, and a

Sunday's game

83

75

RAPTORS

WARRIORS

turnover on the Warriors' next possession led to a 2-on-1 that DeRozan finished off with an alley-oop dunk of a Jerryd Bayless feed as Toronto led 60-58 entering the fourth.

A Barbosa three-pointer stretched the advantage to five early in the final quarter, and he found Amir Johnson with a nifty pass for an uncontested dunk near the halfway point of the frame to give Toronto a 73-66 edge. Golden State closed to within four on an Ellis layup, but Barbosa followed with a three from the left corner and the Raptors held on from there.

Both teams were frigid to start, combining to miss 17 of their first 23 shots in the opening half of the first quarter.

A Dorell Wright three-pointer put the Warriors up 14-10, and Lee added a driving two-handed dunk in the closing moments of the period as Golden State enjoyed a 20-18 advantage after one.

Klay Thompson connected from long range near the three-minute mark of the quarter to extend the Warriors' lead to six, and a Lee 17-foot jumper with 30 seconds left completed a 6-of-7 first-half shooting performance for the star forward as the Warriors went into the break ahead 47-38.

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DeMar DeRozan jumps for the basket in front of Golden State's Ekpe Udoh. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

World Cup slalom. First win in over forty years

No one saw it coming. Not even Erin Mielzynski, who delivered the race of her life Sunday to give Canada its first World Cup slalom victory in more than four decades.

"It's a little slice of heaven right now," said Mielzynski. "Right now I don't want the day to end. It's surreal."

The 21-year-old from Guelph had never placed higher than 13th on the World Cup circuit but used a strong second run to deliver a breakthrough performance.

In the process, she became the first Canadian woman to win a World Cup slalom race since Betsy Clifford in 1971.

Winning time

1:53:59

Mielzynski's two-run total was one minute 53.59 seconds. Resi Stiegler of the United States finished second.

"Today my goal was just to ski like I do in training," said Mielzynski.

"I was a little nervous to do that because it's a little different than the way I race. I think that made the difference. I kind of let go of everything else and it was just me and the course."

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Curling championships

Alberta joins Nova Scotia with a perfect record

Alberta's Kevin Koe joined Nova Scotia with three wins at the Canadian men's curling championship Sunday.

Koe thumped Quebec's Robert Desjardins 9-2 to finish the day 3-0.

Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy beat B.C.'s Jim Cotter 5-3 earlier for a third straight victory.

Meanwhile, Ontario's Glenn Howard earned a 6-5 extra-end win against Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Spring training

Bedard struggles against Blue Jays

Erik Bedard struggled with his control Sunday in a rough spring training debut with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The left-hander from Ottawa gave up two runs in two innings in an 8-5 loss against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Bedard hit the first batter he faced, gave up a double to Travis Snider, walked two and struck out one.

Snider was 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs for the Jays. Blue Jays left-hander Aaron Laffey had a 1-2-3 first inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Football

NFL to continue investigating bounties

The NFL plans to keep looking at plays from recent seasons after a league investigation found the New Orleans Saints paid bounties to players for knocking opponents out of games.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said in an email to The Associated Press on Sunday the NFL will be "addressing the issues raised as part of our responsibility to protect player safety and the integrity of the game."

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SPORTS



Golf

"It was tough today, especially seeing Tiger make a charge."

Rory McIlroy, who held on to win the Honda Classic despite a late push from Tiger Woods. Woods had a birdie-eagle finish for a 62 — his lowest final round ever — to get within one shot of the lead.

New coach puts Leafs to the test

Randy Carlyle. First practice focused on team speed

Phil Kessel had it good under Ron Wilson.

Most practices he could exit the ice early. He didn't have to perform much in the way of extra stretching or conditioning. He could be the first to the ping-pong table in the dressing room and take on any challenges from his teammates, who were never really successful in knocking him off his mantle as the team's ping-pong champ.

After one practice with new coach Randy Carlyle, Kessel realized the regimen will be stiffer, the new sheriff tougher.

"It's going to be a lot harder ... but it's one day," Kessel said after a 90-minute workout Sunday that was certainly more demanding in some ways than Wilson's workout regimens.

Carlyle certainly laid out a challenging practice Sunday, a day the Leafs normally had off with Wilson.

The practice was called in large part to get the new coach acquainted with his new



New Maple Leafs coach Randy Carlyle leads his first team practice on Sunday. / VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

troops. Carlyle and his coaching staff focused on drills that emphasized team speed — much the way Wilson did — only Carlyle, unlike Wilson, skated right alongside the players, barking instruction and encouragement to them.

Carlyle and new assistant

Dave Farrish, both former NHL defencemen, also focused on the Leafs blue-liners. Carlyle had several discussions with captain Dion Phaneuf while Farrish, who was a source of constant encouragement in the ear of every player, also chatted at length

with Luke Schenn.

The one detail that differentiated from Wilson's workouts was the end of practice skate. Wilson certainly did them, but Carlyle broke his team into two groups, and had them circle the ice in 75-second shifts, with a few minutes rest in be-

tween.

That — and more stretching and stops during practice to stretch and improve flexibility — will now be featured far more frequently on the practice docket.

"I wouldn't think so, it's not my cup of tea," said Kessel,

who was asked to lead the on-ice stretching, something he never did under Wilson.

"I'm not a big stretcher... Is that fun? There was a lot of skating out there, so I think that will take some time to get used to. We'll do it."

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In brief

Carlyle adds a familiar face to staff

Randy Carlyle's coaching staff is complete.

The Toronto Maple Leafs officially hired assistant Dave Farrish on Sunday.

Farrish won a Stanley Cup with Carlyle in Anaheim and was the new coach's hand-picked selection to join a staff that also includes assistants Scott Gordon and Greg Cronin.

Farrish spent seven seasons under Carlyle with the Ducks before getting fired in December.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	64	42	15	2	5	179	133	91	22-7-0-2	20-8-2-3	6-2-1-1	W1
d-Boston	64	38	23	1	2	209	150	79	19-12-1-1	19-11-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
d-Florida	65	31	22	5	7	163	184	74	16-9-1-7	15-13-4-0	4-5-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	64	38	21	2	3	207	167	81	20-8-2-0	15-13-0-3	8-2-0-0	W5
Philadelphia	64	36	21	2	5	210	191	79	15-10-1-4	21-11-1-1	5-5-0-0	W2
New Jersey	65	36	24	2	3	180	175	77	16-12-0-3	20-12-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	67	34	25	6	2	202	198	76	17-13-2-1	17-12-4-1	6-3-1-0	W1
Winnipeg	66	31	27	4	4	173	186	70	20-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Washington	65	32	28	2	3	172	184	69	21-10-0-2	11-18-2-1	4-6-0-0	L2
Tampa Bay	65	31	28	3	3	184	219	68	20-9-1-1	11-19-2-2	7-3-0-0	W4
Buffalo	65	30	27	4	4	162	183	68	16-11-3-4	14-16-1-0	6-2-1-1	W3
Toronto	65	30	28	4	3	194	201	67	16-12-3-2	14-16-1-1	2-7-1-0	W1
NY Islanders	66	28	29	6	3	154	190	65	15-14-5-0	13-15-2-2	4-5-1-0	W2
Carolina	65	24	27	8	6	171	197	62	17-13-1-5	7-14-7-1	4-2-2-2	L2
Montreal	66	25	31	2	8	170	184	60	12-15-2-6	13-16-0-2	2-7-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	66	41	17	1	7	209	161	90	19-7-0-4	22-10-1-2	6-2-1-1	L1
d-St. Louis	66	41	18	1	6	169	131	89	26-11-1-3	15-14-0-3	7-3-0-0	W1
d-Phoenix	65	33	23	3	6	170	165	75	17-12-2-2	16-11-1-4	7-2-0-1	L2
Detroit	66	43	20	1	2	209	153	89	27-11-1-1	16-16-0-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	65	38	20	3	4	184	166	83	21-7-2-3	17-13-1-1	6-2-0-2	W1
Chicago	67	36	24	4	3	202	195	79	22-7-1-3	14-17-3-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Dallas	66	35	26	1	4	174	178	75	18-12-0-3	17-14-1-1	7-1-1-1	W2
San Jose	64	33	24	4	3	179	163	73	19-11-2-0	14-13-2-3	2-7-1-0	L2
Los Angeles	65	30	23	5	7	142	139	72	17-13-0-4	13-10-5-3	4-4-1-1	W2
Colorado	67	34	29	3	1	171	180	72	18-15-0-1	16-14-3-0	6-4-0-0	W1
Calgary	66	29	25	5	7	159	181	70	16-9-1-4	13-15-4-3	3-2-2-3	L2
Anaheim	66	28	28	4	6	166	186	66	17-14-2-0	11-14-2-6	5-4-0-1	L1
Minnesota	66	28	28	2	8	143	180	66	15-12-1-3	13-16-1-5	3-5-0-2	L4
Edmonton	64	25	33	2	4	170	192	56	16-13-2-3	9-20-0-2	4-5-1-0	L2
Columbus	65	20	38	2	5	153	214	67	11-18-1-2	9-20-1-3	4-5-1-0	W2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results

Florida 4 Ottawa 2
Dallas 3 Calgary 2 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 4 Boston 3
N.Y. Islanders 1 New Jersey 0
Chicago 2 Detroit 1
Philadelphia 1 Washington 0
Colorado 2 Minnesota 0
Saturday's results
Toronto 3 Montreal 1
Buffalo 5 Vancouver 3
Columbus 5 Phoenix 2
Los Angeles 4 Anaheim 2
Nashville 3 Florida 1
N.Y. Islanders 3 Boston 2
Pittsburgh 5 Colorado 1
St. Louis 3 San Jose 1
Tampa Bay 4 Carolina 3 (OT)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Phoenix at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

PANTHERS 4, SENATORS 2

First Period

1. Ottawa, Cowen 5 (Turris) 13:23
2. Ottawa, Neil 11 (O'Brien) 18:32
Penalty — Bergenheim Fla (tripping) 9:27.
Second Period
3. Florida, Goc 7 (Weaver, Kopecky) 0:33
4. Florida, Barch 2 (Skille, Weaver) 2:54
5. Florida, Samuelsson 9 (Weiss, Campbell) 11:03 (pp)
Penalties — Neil Ott (double high-sticking) 10:03; Spezza Ott (interference) 19:43.
Third Period
6. Florida, Skille 4 (Matthias) 18:34
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (tripping) 11:00; Karlsson Ott (slashing) 14:06; Garrison Fla (interference) 14:43.
Shots on goal by
Ottawa 12 8 5 25
Florida 9 14 5 28
Goal — Ottawa: Lehner (L, 3-2-0); Florida: Theodore (W, 18-12-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-2; Florida: 1-5.
Att. — 15,811 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.

STARS 3, FLAMES 2 (SO)

First Period

No Scoring.
Penalties — Fiddler Dal (goaltender interference) 9:51; Souray Dal, Jackman Cal (un-sportsmanlike conduct) 10:13; Ott Dal, Glen-cross Cal (fighting) 11:46; Robidas Dal (delay of game) 13:08.
Second Period
1. Calgary, Glen-cross 22 (Moss, Bouwmeester) 7:18
2. Dallas, Eriksson 22 (Ott, Lehtonen) 14:59 (sh)
3. Dallas, Ryder 28 (Eriksson, Ribeiro) 18:26 (pp)

Penalties — Fistic Dal (interference) 13:19; Calgary bench (too many men; served by Jackman) 17:47.
Third Period
4. Calgary, Iginla 25 (Cammalleri, Tanguay) 8:00
Penalty — Moss Cal (goaltender interference) 5:18.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalty — Cammalleri Cal (hooking) 2:11.
Shootout
Dallas wins 2-0
Dallas (2) — Benn, goal; Eriksson, goal.
Calgary (0) — Jokinen, miss; Tanguay, miss.
Shots on goal by
Dallas 9 15 12 4—40
Calgary 13 10 13 4—38
Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (W, 26-15-4); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L, 28-19-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Dallas: 1-3; Calgary: 0-3.
Attendance — 19,289 (19,289).

SATURDAY

MAPLE LEAFS 3, CANADIENS 1

First Period

1. Montreal, Cole 23 (Deshamais, Pacioretty) 7:16
Penalties — Brown Tor, Staubitz Mtl (fighting) 10:23.
Second Period
2. Toronto, Frattin 6 (Kessel) 6:30
Penalties — Schenn Tor (tripping) 15:43; Leblanc Mtl (holding) 19:40.
Third Period
3. Toronto, Grabovski 19 (McArthur) 11:45
4. Toronto, Grabovski 20 (Frattin) 19:07 (pp)
Penalties — Pacioretty Mtl (goaltender interference) 7:20; Cole Mtl (interference) 19:01; Connolly Tor (slashing, roughing), Subban Mtl (roughing) 20:00.
Shots on goal by
Toronto 13 12 17 42
Montreal 7 10 5 22
Goal — Toronto: Gustafsson (W, 17-13-2); Montreal: Price (L, 23-25-9).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 1-3; Montreal: 0-1.
Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SABRES 5, CANUCKS 3

First Period

1. Buffalo, Leino 5 (Kaleta, Gerbe) 0:55
2. Buffalo, Leino 6 (Kaleta, Myers) 3:44
3. Buffalo, Boyes 5 (Tropp) 5:10
Penalty — Rome Vcr (illegal check to the head) 13:39.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, Booth 12 (Burrows, Bieksa) 15:37
Penalties — Kaleta Buf (goaltender interference) 7:34; Vancouver bench (too many men; served by Kassian) 8:51; Ennis Buf (high-sticking) 9:30; Sulzer Buf (high-sticking) 13:37; Kesler Vcr (holding) 18:00; Ehrhoff Buf (tripping) 19:11.
Third Period
5. Buffalo, Ehrhoff 5 (Boyes, Ellis) 2:36
6. Vancouver, Booth 13 (Kassian) 3:43
7. Vancouver, Kassian 4 (Kesler, Hamhuis) 17:14
8. Buffalo, Ennis 7 (Stafford, Sekera) 18:57 (en)
Penalties — None
Shots on goal by
Buffalo 11 6 8 25
Vancouver 12 13 10 39
Goal (shots-saves) — Buffalo: Miller (W, 22-17-5); Vancouver: Luongo (7-4), Schneider (L, 14-6-1)(5:10 first, 17-16).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Buffalo: 0-2; Vancouver: 0-4.
Att. — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

GOLF

HONDA CLASSIC

At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Par 70

Final Round

Rory McIlroy, \$1,026,000	66-67-66-69—268
Tom Gillis, \$501,600	68-64-69-69—270
Tiger Woods, \$501,600	71-68-69-62—270
Lee Westwood, \$273,600	70-69-70-63—272
Justin Rose, \$216,600	66-66-71-70—273
Charl Schwartzel, \$216,600	71-66-67-69—273
Rickie Fowler, \$183,825	69-72-67-66—274
Dicky Pride, \$183,825	66-67-71-70—274
Graeme McDowell, \$153,900	73-64-69-69—275
Kevin Stadler, \$153,900	66-71-69-69—275
Chris Stroud, \$153,900	70-69-67-69—275
Keegan Bradley, \$115,425	67-68-68-73—276
Greg Chalmers, \$115,425	71-65-70-72—278
Brian Harman, \$115,425	73-61-69-73—276
D.A. Points, \$115,425	71-70-68-67—276
Fredrik Jacobson, \$94,050	70-71-67-69—277
Brandt Jobe, \$94,050	70-69-69-69—277
Harris English, \$79,800	66-69-66-77—278
Jeff Overton, \$79,800	71-65-70-72—278
Vaughn Taylor, \$79,800	68-66-74-70—278
Stuart Appleby, \$59,280	69-71-71-68—279
Ernie Els, \$59,280	70-68-70-71—279
Spencer Levin, \$59,280	72-69-67-71—279
Davis Love III, \$59,280	64-72-71-72—279
Henrik Stenson, \$59,280	70-69-70-70—279
Erik Compton, \$43,035	67-71-71-71—280
Charles Howell III, \$43,035	68-67-72-73—280
Troy Matteson, \$43,035	70-69-75-66—280
Ryan Palmer, \$43,035	66-71-72-71—280
Gary Christian, \$34,628	73-67-67-74—281

TENNIS

DUBAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Singles — Championship

Roger Federer (2, Switzerland, def. Andy Murray (3), Britain, 7-5, 6-4.
Doubles
Championship
Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (4), India, def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski (3), Poland, 6-4, 3-6, 10-5 (tiebreak).

WTA BMW MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Singles — Semifinals

Petra Martić (5), Croatia, def. Jelena Janković (2), Serbia, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Championship
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Petra Martić (5), Croatia, 2-6, 7-5, 4-1, retired.
Doubles
Semifinals
Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Rija Fujiwara (3), Japan, def. Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-2, 11-9. **Championship**
Chang Kai-chen and Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, def. Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Rija Fujiwara (3), Japan, 7-5, 6-4.

ATP WORLD TOUR DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL

At Delray Beach, Fla.

Singles

Championship
Kevin Anderson (7), South Africa, def. Marinco Matkosevic, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Doubles
Championship
Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins (3), Britain, def. Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 15-13 tiebreak.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	8	4	4	.500	94	96	—
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	88	100	—
Rochester	9	4	5	.444	113	111	1/2
Buffalo	7	2	5	.286	83	92	1 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	8	7	1	.875	109	107	—
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	106	90	2
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Edmonton	6	2	4	.333	64	61	4
Washington	8	2	6	.250	79	100	5

Week Nine

Saturday Results

Minnesota 15 Calgary 11
Washington 14 Toronto 9
Colorado 16 Buffalo 13
Rochester 11 Philadelphia 8

WEEK 10

Friday, Mar. 9

Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 10

Boston at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.

Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 11

Colorado at Washington, 8 p.m.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Newcastle 1 Sunderland 1
Fulham 5 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
Tottenham 1 Manchester United 3
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Cardiff 0 West Ham 2

FRANCE

LIGUE 1

Caen 0 Brest 0
Paris Saint-Germain 4 Ajaccio 1
Lorient 0 Rennes 2

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA

Nuremberg 1 Borussia Moenchenglbadach 0
Hoffenheim 1 Cologne 1

ITALY

SERIE A

Parma 1 Napoli 2
Fiorentina 2 Cesena 0
Lecce 2 Genoa 2
Roma 1 Lazio 2
Siena 3 Cagliari 0
Udinese 0 Atalanta 0
Bologna 1 Novara 0
Inter Milan 2 Catania 2

NETHERLANDS

Vitesse Arnhem 2 De Graafschap 0
Ajax 4 Roda JC 1
FC Utrecht 0 NEC Nijmegen 0
Feyenoord 1 FC Groningen 0
PSV Eindhoven 2 FC Twente 6

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Zaragoza 2 Villarreal 1
Athletic Bilbao 2 Real Sociedad 0
Granada 0 Valencia 1
Real Madrid 5 Espanyol 0

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	31	8	.795	—
d-Miami	28	9	.757	2
d-Indiana	23	12	.657	6
d-Philadelphia	22	16	.579	8 1/2
Orlando	24	14	.632	6 1/2
Atlanta	22	15	.595	8
Boston	19	17	.528	10 1/2
New York	18	19	.486	12
Milwaukee	14	23	.378	16
Cleveland	13	22	.371	16
Toronto	12	25	.324	18
Detroit	12	26	.316	18 1/2
New Jersey	12	26	.316	18 1/2
Washington	8	28	.222	21 1/2
Charlotte	4	31	.114	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	29	8	.784	
d-San Antonio	25	11	.69	3½
d-L.A. Clippers	23	13	.629	6
L.A. Lakers	23	14	.622	6
Memphis	22	15	.595	7
Dallas	22	16	.579	7½
Houston	21	17	.553	8½
Denver	20	17	.541	9
Minnesota	19	19	.500	10½
Portland	18	19	.486	11
Utah	17	19	.472	11½
Phoenix	16	20	.444	12½
Golden State	14	20	.412	13½
Sacramento	12	24	.333	16½
New Orleans	9	28	.243	20

A's get first look at much-hyped slugger

MLB. Cuba's Cespedes arrives at spring training with big expectations to go along with big contract

After watching the YouTube promotional video of the five-tool outfielder with a sculpted body and freakish athleticism, the Oakland Athletics were eager to see Cuban defector Yoenis Cespedes up close.

"He's finally here," catcher Kurt Suzuki said. "We hear about the potential and the tools and all that stuff. I'm not just excited to see him hit but excited to see him working out with the team."

Online sensation

Yoenis Cespedes' reputation preceded him thanks to a 20-minute video put out by his handlers showing his bat power and deft defence along with his 45-inch vertical jump, 6.3-second 60-yard dash and 1,300-pound leg press.

- The \$36-million, four-year

contract is the highest ever for a Cuban defector, and a big splash for a low-budget franchise to land the slugging outfielder who starred for Cuba in the 2009 World Baseball Classic, where he hit .458 with two home runs and five RBIs in six games.

during batting practice.

He then shagged flies and signed autographs on a day where there wasn't a spring training game at Phoenix Municipal Stadium in Arizona, just a spectacle.

"I'm very happy to be here because I feel I'm very close to

my dream to play in the big leagues," said Cespedes, who played in Cuba's top league for eight seasons before defecting in 2011 to the Dominican Republic with his mother, an aunt and four cousins.

He'll take batting practice and focus on defence over the next week as he tries to catch up with his teammates who have been here for two weeks.

The biggest question is whether Cespedes will play left field or replace Coco Crisp in centre. Crisp has said he wants to stay put, but that's also Cespedes' natural position, and the A's will want to help him feel comfortable as he adjusts to a new country and a new level of competition.

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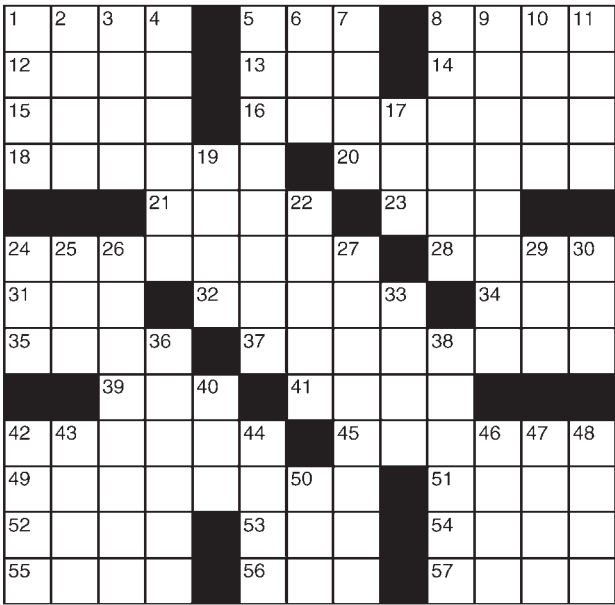
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Across

- 1 Gets a glimpse of
5 Tree fluid
8 One of the Three Bears
12 "Gone With the Wind" plantation
13 Actress Carrere
14 Letter jumble (Abbr.)
15 "Yeah, right!"
16 Dig
18 Soothe
20 On an angle
21 Tiers
23 Homer's interjection
24 Rough calculation
28 Outlet
31 "Humbly" network
32 "Top Chef" network
34 Cattle call?
35 Bjorn of tennis lore
37 Weaken
39 Anger
41 Leg joint
42 Party souvenirs
45 Standard
49 Move to another country
51 Crimson Tide, for short
52 — -a-ling
53 Auto fuel
54 From the beginning
55 Nervous
56 Tummy muscles
57 Camera part

Down

- 1 Impale
2 Facility
3 Rocker Clapton
4 Jungle expedition
5 Good glasses
6 — -en-Provence, France
7 Treaty
8 "Conditioned reflex"
doctor
9 Curse
10 Cracker spread
11 Elderly
17 Help
19 Bausch's partner
22 Reeked
24 Recede
25 — Paulo, Brazil
26 Prosperous
27 Uniformity
29 "To be or — ..."
30 Sock part
33 Sandwich cookie
36 Needing more sleep, maybe
38 Oral
40 Make a mistake
42 Big party
43 In the thick of
44 Long story
46 Horse's neck hair
47 Prayer ending
48 Legislations
50 Bill



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- tori prince michelle** hi turns its been a long time your away from home and Monday is a big day for me to see you again after two months. From jose
- babes** requesting an email message from you. please. would like to chat and hear your voice. I would email you but am skeptical. From your babes.

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♈ Aries | March 21 - April

20. Make an effort to be nice to people this week and they will make an even bigger effort to be nice to you.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Venus moves into your birth sign today, bringing both love and luck with it.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June

20. You can and you must banish all thoughts of failure from your mind today and throughout the week ahead.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You may get a bit emotional today. You may also find yourself saying words that would normally get

stuck in your throat.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You won't be in the mood to try too hard today but that's OK because the people you live and work with will be happy to do things for you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept.

22. You seem to be moving on a higher mental and emotional level than usual.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

No matter how badly you have fallen out with a friend or family member you can still patch things up — but you've got to act now.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You are at one with the world — and the world is at one with you.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If life isn't moving exactly how you want it to move then you cannot be trying hard enough.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. Attitude is everything and your attitude is just perfect today.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb

18. If your head tells you one thing and your heart tells you another it is your head you must listen to.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

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